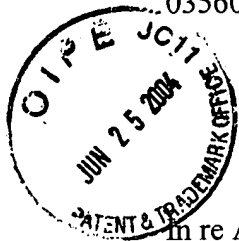


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In re Application of:

SHINJI SHIRAGA

Application No.: 08/794,772

Filed: February 3, 1997

For: BATTERY POWERED  
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT  
WITH POWER SAVING  
OPERATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 26). Claims 1, 4 to 7, 9 and 10 are presented for examination, of which Claim 1, 7, 9 and 10 are independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

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